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Subject: The VB/I-70 Record of Decision

Hi all. This email is to let you know that yesterday at 4:00, Max Dodson, EPA Assistant Regional Administrator, and Howard Roitman, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Director of Environmental Programs, signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the VB/I-70 Superfund Site. In other words, the final decision has been made. There are no surprises: As all of you are aware, the cleanup action levels will be 400 ppm for lead and 70 ppm for arsenic. The final decision is based on Alternative 6 from the revised Proposed Plan. We can consider this official.

There is some good news for many of you with regard to the external paint issue. It appears that EPA can remediate external paint at all properties where soil is removed and replaced. However, it is EPA policy to look at all other funding sources first, especially in these times of limited Superfund resources. This is stated in the ROD.

The Community Health Program is included in the remedy (no surprise), and it is discussed in the ROD. You won't find too many more details about it in the ROD than you have heard from us thus far. This is because we will be designing it largely together, each neighborhood providing input for its own particular needs. One important note is that the City of Denver has agreed to lead the Community Health Program with EPA funding. EPA and CDPHE will remain very involved in the program. We are currently working out the details with City. We should be able to provide initial funding for planning purposes to the City of Denver this fall. We will then be moving forward together to develop the Program. I believe the City will be contacting all of you who want to be involved.

Our written responses to comments received during both comment periods is included in the back of the ROD. The ROD is just now being copied, and early next week, I will send a copy to each of you.

Some of us are working on a working group/community celebration to commemorate all the work that has gone into this and the outcome. We will let you know details of this as we get them together - if you have suggestions, please let me know.

As we discussed at the last working group meeting, working groups in the future will be called on an as-needed basis only. If any of you want to get together with the group any time as the cleanup progresses, just let me know.

One last piece of good news is that based on current funding forecasts, EPA headquarters has committed to funding this project through the next three years, which will probably be to completion - at least \$26 million worth of work.

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